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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R § 1.111**

Dear Sir/Madam:

This responds to the Non-Final Office Action dated June 24, 2009 which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply ending on September 24, 2009. Accordingly, a Petition for the Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for a one-month extension of time, i.e., up to, and including Monday, October 26, 2009, accompanies this submission. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the claim amendments and remarks/arguments presented as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS** begin on page 4 of this paper.